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STATE FOR ECA/PE/V/M MARGERY BENSON/AZZA MOUNIB-ZAKI
STATE ALSO FOR ECA/PE/V/R/N/-LARRY A. MOODY; SA/PD

E.O. 12958: N/A

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SUBJECT: FY 05 IV PROGRAM: SRI LANKAN NOMINEE FOR MPR
"PREVENTIVE DIPLOMACY AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION, FEBRUARY 17-
MARCH 10, 2005.

PROJECT NO. E/VM-2005-0013

REF: COLOMBO 00765

1. Post nominates Gajendran "Ponnambalam" Member of Parliament, and Anura R. "Solomons", deputy editor/foreign news editor of "Divaina" Sinhala daily newspaper, as principle candidates for participation in subject project. Post confirms that these nominations have "Full country team approval".

2. Nomination is as follows:

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START NOMINATION:

ECA-OFFICE: E/VGN

PROG-AGENCY-NAME:

POST-PROJ-ID: 123

ECA-PROJ-NO: E/VM-2005-0013

PROJ-NAME: Preventive Diplomacy and Conflict Resolution -
February 17-March 10, 2005

START MEMO PROJ-DESC:

END MEMO PROJ-DESC:

PROJ-TYPE: Multi-Regional

PROG-TYPE: IV Grant Visitor

FY: 2004

DEPART-POST: 02/15/2005

SESSION-DATE: 02/17/2005

RETURN-POST: 03/12/2005

NO-OF-PART: 2

RANK-ORDER: 0

START MEMO POST-OBJ:

This nomination is in support of MPP goal "Supporting
democratic system and practices."

END MEMO POST-OBJ:

START MEMO POST-RCMD:

END MEMO POST-RCMD:

ECA-OFFICE-ID: 1039

PROG-AGENCY-ID:

PROJ-TYPE-ID: MRP

PROG-TYPE-ID: 29

NOMINATING-POST-ID: 2929

FUNDING-CNTRY-ID:

STATUS: N

ORIGINATOR: U

SUBJ-DISC: Conflict Resolution

START BIO:

PREFIX: Mr.

F-NAME: Gajendrakumar

M-NAME: Gangaser

L-NAME: PONNAMBALAM

SUFFIX:

POSITION-CODE: 321

PRINCIPAL?: Yes

M-ADDR1: 15 Queen's Road

M-ADDR2:

M-ADDR3:

M-CITY: Colombo 3

M-STATE:

M-CNTRY: Sri Lanka

M-ZONE:

M-ZIP:

M-PHONE: (94-77) 730-1021

M-FAX:

M-EMAIL:

M-CNTRY-ID: CE

M-ADDRTYPE: H

GENDER: M

DOB: 01/16/1974

MAR-STAT: S

BIRTH-CITY: Colombo
BIRTH-CNTRY: Sri Lanka
CITIZ-CNTRY: Sri Lanka
RES-CNTRY: Sri Lanka
START MEMO POSITION:
Member of Parliament, April 2004- to date
END MEMO POSITION:
START MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:
General Secretary, All Ceylon Tamil Congress, January 2004-
to date
END MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:
START MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:
1999-Dec. 2000 - Criminal Lawyer, Law Chambers of Mr. Daya
Perera, P.C.
END MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:
START MEMO US-TRAVEL:
April 2001 - Holiday
May 2002 - Holiday
END MEMO US-TRAVEL:
START MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:
Canada - 2001 - Holiday
United Kingdom - 2002, 2003, 2004 -
Australia - 2002 - Holiday
END MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:
START MEMO EDUCATION:
LL.B., University of London, 1995
Barrister-at-Law, Lincoln's Inn, 1997
END MEMO EDUCATION:
START MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:
Member, Central Working Committee, All Ceylon Tamil
Congress, 1998-2000
END MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:
START MEMO PUBLICATIONS:

END MEMO PUBLICATIONS:
START MEMO SPEC-CONSID:

END MEMO SPEC-CONSID:
FIRST-LANG: Tamil
ENGL-READ: 4
ENGL-SPEAK: 4
ENGL-COMP: 4
START OTHER-LANGS:
OTHER-LANG: Sinhala
OTHER-LANG-ID: SI
READ: 4
SPEAK: 4
COMP: 4
END OTHER-LANGS:
START MEMO NOM-POST-OBJ:
This nomination is in support of MPP goal "Supporting
Resolution of Regional Conflicts."
END MEMO NOM-POST-OBJ:
START MEMO NOM-POST-RCMD:

END MEMO NOM-POST-RCMD:
START MEMO VIS-OBJ:

END MEMO VIS-OBJ:
START MEMO VIS-REC:

END MEMO VIS-REC:
NOMINATING-OFFICER: Joseph Novak
START MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:
Mr. G.G. Ponnambalam, Jr., a criminal lawyer by profession,
is a successful and dedicated politician in Sri Lanka's war
torn Northern Province. Respected as a future political
leader, Ponnambalam is poised to utilize the lessons
learned through the subject program during his career.
This nomination has "full Country Team approval."

END MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:
NOM-OFF: Political